

MINUTES

**FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS WORK
EXAMINING BOARD
PLUMBING AND PIPING WORK EXAMINING BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Waskowicz on Thursday, August 27, 2014 at 9:01 a.m. in Room 126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examination Board Members Present:

David J. Waskowicz - Unlimited Journeyman, Chairperson
Robert W. Hollis, III – Unlimited Contractor
Anthony D. Moscato – Public Member
Edward Peznowski – State Fire Marshal
John Michalewicz – Public Member

Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examination Board Members Absent:

Kevin Wypychoski – Unlimited Contractor
Thomas E. Booth – Unlimited Journeyman

Board Vacancies: One Public member, one local fire marshal

Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board Members Present:

Charles Appleby, Sr., Chairperson	Unlimited Contractor
James Piccoli	Unlimited Contractor
George C. Sima	Well Drilling Contractor
Melissa Sheffy	Public Member

Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board Members Absent:

Christopher M. Bowman	Unlimited /General Contractor
Anthony Calandrino	Unlimited Journeyman
Hubert J. Barnes	Unlimited Journeyman
Frank J. DaCato	Unlimited Journeyman
John R. Damico	Unlimited Journeyman
Joyce Topshe	Public Member
Carl W. Schaefer	Public Member

Board Vacancies: One public member

Dept. of Consumer Protection Staff Present:

Karen Layman, Secretary Anthony Santoro, Esq.

Dept. of Labor: Kenneth Duff

Public Present: None

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board and the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board June 25, 2014 special meeting with an amendment to New Business, page 3, to add the following: A suggestion was made by Fire Board Member Anthony Moscato to amend the state codes to not allow multipurpose systems and only allow 13D systems, which are currently covered under the F-1/F-2 license.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Residential Fire Protection Systems

At the June 25, 2014 meeting, a motion was made to allow Robert Hollis and Charles Appleby to contact manufacturers and invite them to the next special meeting of the Fire Protection Sprinkler Systems Work Examining Board and the Plumbing and Piping Work Examining Board, at which this topic will be discussed further.

Chairperson Charles Appleby stated that he has contacted two manufacturers: Uponor and Viega. Viega was unable to attend today, and Uponor can attend the next meeting.

Charles Appleby and Robert Hollis recently attended a meeting of the Connecticut Fire Sprinkler Coalition and provided information regarding the purpose of the coalition, which is to promote the adoption of a residential code in the United States, and other issues such as licensing. Charles Appleby provided a brief summary of topics discussed at this meeting. Charles Appleby will be distributing handbooks from this meeting to members of both boards. The next coalition meeting will be held on September 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Board members reviewed and discussed the following document distributed by David Waskowicz: NFPA13D, Multipurpose Piping Systems, Examples 1, 2, and 3, which includes layouts of residential sprinkler systems. David Waskowicz stated that this article suggests that these are sprinkler systems feeding a plumbing system, which the Fire Protection Board has been maintaining all along. David Waskowicz also introduced the following documents for the Boards' review: Uponor ProTalk Blog – What You Need to Know About Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems, a letter dated July 24, 2014 from GoodWorks Insurance, and an e-mail from Fire Protection Board Member Kevin Wypychoski.

Board members also reviewed and discussed the following documents: Automatic Fire Sprinkler System Layout Technician License and Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems Work Licensure – 8/6/14 Revision. After discussion, it was confirmed that the options outlined are for proposal only and have not yet been introduced into legislature. It was noted that there is already a limited fire protection license, and there is concern over potential instructional requirements/apprenticeship requirements for this proposed limited license F-7/F-8, which would enable people to do life-saving work. It was also noted that there is a third option, which would be to take no action, as this work is already covered under the F-1/F-2 license.

Melissa Sheffy shares her concerns regarding the proposed limited license F-7/F-8, which include: Manufacturers not having sold many of these products to date, homeowners doing renovation projects that would jeopardize the functioning of a sprinkler system, potential lawsuits if systems do not work correctly, and lack of enforcement. Melissa will forward this list to Charles Appleby to pass on to the coalition.

In closing, David Waskowicz recommends that any additional meetings be suspended, as the coalition continues to meet. John Michalewicz made a motion to adjourn this meeting without a future meeting date scheduled, until such time that additional information is received by both boards regarding how to proceed. Melissa Sheffy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by the Boards.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. NFPA13D, Multipurpose Piping Systems, Examples 1, 2, 3
2. Uponor ProTalk Blog – What You Need to Know About Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems
3. GoodWorks Insurance letter dated July 24, 2014
4. E-mail from Fire Protection Board Member Kevin Wypychoski
5. Automatic Fire Sprinkler System Layout Technician License
6. Residential Fire Sprinkler Systems Work Licensure – 8/6/14 Revision

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary